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# Tiger's success leads to increased interest in junior golf

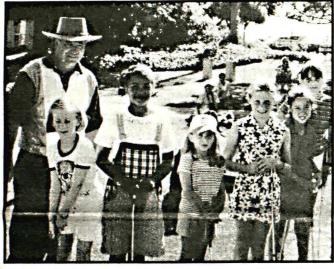
by Norrie West

Parents should be careful not to buy golf clubs and shoes or other supplies until they know their child is really interested in golf, veteran pro and junior teacher Rex Cole warned recently.

Cole, who is head professional at Santee's Carlton Oaks course, has been teach-

ing wanna-be-golfers for 16 years, with weekly free clinics Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Has Tiger Woods success had any influence on kids wanting to try golf? Cole commented that you can bet it has, lots of influence with a jump in interest by young people, especially in East County. "I have seen it," he said.



Rex Cole (left), head pro at Carlton Oaks Country Club in Santee, instructs a group of juniors: (left to right) Jackie LePage, Christina Gilmore, Amy Holland, Gillian Ireland, Donella Yoon and Lindsay Nemeth. The junior clinics are free, every Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Photo by Norrie West

"There is no doubt he is the best thing to happen since Arnold Palmer, or that many children and parents are suddenly gung-ho for golf," he commented.

"But they should not just rush into it. Let me or some other pro help them, so they and we can determine the child's interest and aptitude. That will be time enough for decision making."

Cole likened Woods to Jack Nicklaus in that he never plays for second. He added that is maybe why Nicklaus and Tiger have won so much.

Certainly, Cole should know, with 20 years of pro golf behind him, 17 at Carlton Oaks.

Besides his weekend free clinics, Cole will be teaching kids for five weeks at his summer camp for juniors. The camp is scheduled from July 7 - 14, 14 - 18 and 21 - 25 and Aug. 4 - 8. (The first one was June 23 - 27.) The camp is not free, however. For information, call 448-8500, and ask for Cole.

One of his best-known



Pro Rex Cole helps Jackie LePage with her swing. Watching are Christina Gilmore and other youngsters. Cole gives free clinics for juniors each Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Carlton Oaks Country Club in Santee where he is head professional.

Photo by Norrie West

pupils is Angie Yoon, two-time girl golfer of the year in our county (1995 - 96), who won a record 90 tournaments in her long junior golf career.

Her golfing prowess has earned her a scholarship at the University of Nevada, Reno, starting this fall. Over the weekend of June 21 - 22, Yoon played some marvelous golf, reaching the finals of the U.S. Women's Publinks championship in Pennsylvania.

Cole said he is looking forward to a very busy summer, teaching a lot of wanna-be Tigers.

# Johnson's anthem at Robinson tribute game 'supreme thrill'

by Greg Eichelberger

Even though he has been singing most of his adult life, Spring Valley's Joel (pronounced Jo-EL, thanks to his grandmother's German heritage) Johnson, was paid the ultimate compliment last month after concluding a heartfelt version of the National Anthem at Jack Murphy/QualComm Stadium.

A black man whispered, "Man, you sure have a lot of soul for a white dude."

It figures, since the Chicago-born representative for Food Sales West, grew up in the Akron/Cleveland area (moving to the East County seven years ago).

Some of his musical influences were Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway (who scored several hits with Roberta Flack) and Alexander O'Neill, among others.

The fact that this performance was before a huge crowd celebrating Jackie Robinson Day wasn't lost on him, either.

"I listened to a lot of R and B (Rhythm and Blues) records in my youth," he said. "My singing style has reflected that and people are really surprised to see me belt out songs with that kind of feeling."

After tinkering around with karaoke and amateur recording sessions (with friend and another Spring Valley resident, Ed Bennett) last year, Johnson, on a whim, sent an a capella tape to Padres Director of Entertainment Claudia Valenzuela, not expecting to hear back from them.

That was on a Thursday, by the next Tuesday, he received a call saying that the front office loved his rendition and if he could schedule an appearance on May 4, 1996.

"I was shocked," he said. "I was also a nervous wreck. I didn't want my wife (Annette) or my kids (Brad-18 and Nikkia-14-both of whom attend Monte Vista High School) around too much, either. At least until I finished the performance."

A practice at the stadium helped, but he wasn't able to grasp to feel of what it was about until he actually stepped onto the field to sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" before San Diego played the St. Louis Cardinals.

He said that it was a sensa-



Joel Johnson of Spring Valley belts out the national anthem on Jackie Robinson Day at Jack Murphy/Qualcomm Stadium.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

tion he described as "thrilling beyond compare."

It also happened to be a special promotional Saturday night affair and over 45,000 people were in attendance, so the stakes were much higher than, say a mid-week contest with a last-place team.

His soulful style, with just a touch of falsetto, not too far from Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers, won kudos from fans and Padres officials alike, and he was invited back in July of that year.

His only disappointment came when he was set to sing before a play-off game, but was bumped due

to the team's quick exit, thanks to the Redbirds.

This season, being the 50th anniversary since Robinson broke the color barrier in the Major Leagues while playing with Brooklyn, was set aside for each club to honor the late Hall of Famer.

The Padres chose to invite

City Councilman George Stevens, former Kansas Monarch (of the old Negro League) Buck O'Neill, and some of Robinson's family members for a pre-game, onfield ceremony before the Padres-Dodger clash.

"A spiritual choir was supposed to sing the Anthem that day," Johnson remembered, "But there was an acoustical problem (the brutal echo that can confuse many performers in open-air arenas), so they asked me to fill in."

At first, he had no idea the significance of the day, but he realized just what a supreme thrill and honor it was.

After his breath-taking performance, Stevens, O'Neill, and a host of others rushed to congratulate him. "It was tremendous," he said.

"It's something I'll never forget." He emphasized that he plans on continuing to sing. He also expects the Pads to call him back around August.

He added that he hoped he'd never be complacent about the National Anthem, or his abilities to sing it, and that he enjoyed his family, his music, and his life, and that he felt truly blessed.

# Letter to the Editor

## What about our local top sports students?

A recent article in a daily newspaper listed 11 sports with an average of 10 high school outstanding students named. Not one was from Helix High or Mount Miguel High. Why is that? Don't our high schools have any outstanding athletes? If not, why not? I find this hard

> SHERMAN JOHNSON Lemon Grove

## In the Service

Army Pvt. Raymond F. Araiga has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, he will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesy and first aid. He will develop basic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

In 1995, Araiga graduated from Helix Adult Education School.

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# Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

7000 blk. Broadway. Residential burglary. Value unknown.

June 15, 1997

1400 blk. San Altos Pl. Vehicle burglary. \$100 value.

June 16-17, 1997

8300 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$300 value.

June 17, 1997

7800 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Auto theft. \$6,000 value.

3200 blk. Meadow Ln. Auto theft. \$3,000 value.

June 17-18, 1997

7900 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. \$1,000 value.

June 18, 1997

7500 blk. Broadway. Vehicle burglary. \$5,576 value. 3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Strong-armed robbery. \$80 value.

Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$10 value.

2000 blk. Skyline. Petty theft. \$1 value

June 19, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Residential burglary. \$8 value.

7100 blk. Westview Pl. Grand theft. \$575 value. 7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$372 value

2100 blk. Craig. Residential burglary. \$550 value. June 19-20, 1997

6500 blk. Federal Blvd. Commercial burglary. \$3,500 value. June 21, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$74 value. 7800 blk. Nichals St. Vehicle burglary. \$30 value

June 22, 1997

7300 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. \$890 value.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Helix Water District will receive on or before 2:00 p.m.. Thursday July 17, 1997 for the Administration Office remodel at 7811 University Avenue. La Mesa. California

All items of work shall be as more particularly enumerated and described in the Bid Form and other contract documents forming a part of and in strict conformity with the "Plans and Specifications" for Administration Office Remodel available at the office of said District. 8111 University Avenue. La Mesa. California. and shall include the fol-

Project Name:

Administration Office Remodel. WO 2599.2 Bid Deadline: July 17, 1997, at 2:00 p.m.
Place of Bid Receipt: Helix Water District

8111 University Avenu

La Mesa, California 91941-0518 PROJECT SUMMARY - The project is a remodel of an office build-ing for the District in La Mesa. California.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK - Construction consists of constru emodeling of an existing building for the new Administration Offices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HELIX WATER DISTRICT

of La Mesa. California, acting by and through its governing board, here-inafter referred to as "DISTRICT," will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated time, sealed bids for the construction of the above pro-

Each bid job shall be made out on a form attached to and forming a part of the specifications, which can be obtained at the office of the Helix Water District, 8111 University Avenue, La Mesa, California, and shall be sealed and filed with the Secretary of the Board of Directors of said District on or before Thursday, July 17, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., and read loud on or after 2:00 p.m. of that day in the office of the Board of Directors of said District.

Specifications and drawings may be secured at the office of the Helix er District. 8111 University Avenue. La Mesa. California. at a cost of \$50.00.

Bidders wishing to pick-up documents at Helix Water District are requested to telephone (619) 667-6240 first to ensure an adequate num-ber of sets are available.

Professions Code and be licensed in the following classification: CLASS B: General Building Contractor's License The Contractor's California state license number shall be clearly stated n the bidder's proposal.

If at the time bids are opened, the bidder is not licensed to perform the project in accordance with Division III. Chapter 9 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and the Notice to Bidders Inviting Bids, the bid will be considered non-responsive and rejected.

The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any regularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding and to accept a minor variance in a bid, to reject and/or waive any minor variance in a bid or to accept the bid or bids that best serve the interest of the DIS-

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the DISTRICT has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("Director") the general prevailing rate per diem wages, the general prevailing rate for holiday and over-time work in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract, and employer payments for health and welfare, vacation, pension and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be in the m vage rates for this project. These rates are on file at the DISTRICT office located at 8111 University Avenue, La Mesa, California, Copies may be obtained upon request. A copy of these rates shall be posted at

It shall be mandatory upon the CONTRACTOR to whom the contract is warded, and upon any subcontructor under such CONTRACTOR, to adhere to the prevailing wage rate determinations made by the Director pursuant to the California Labor Code and to pay not less than the said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the

inspection in accordance with the requirements of Labor Code Section 1776. CONTRACTOR shall keep accurate payroll records available for No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar

days after the date set for the opening of bids.

suant to Section 22300 of the Public Contracts Code of the State of California, the CONTRACTOR has the option to substitute securitie for any monies withheld by the DISTRICT to ensure performance unde the contract, if there is compliance with all of the following conditions
(1) CONTRACTOR give the DISTRICT written notice within 30 day after the contract is awarded that it desires to substitute securities for money that would ordinarily be withheld: (2) CONTRACTOR complies with all of the DISTRICT'S rules pertaining to such a substitution, and (3) CONTRACTOR executes and complies with all terms and conditions of the DISTRICT'S current standard form Escrow Agreemen which is on file in the DISTRICT office.

Each bidder must submit with each bid a certified or cashier's check payable to the DISTRICT or a bid bond in form set forth in the contract documents in an amount not less than 10% of the total bid price as guar antee that the bidder, if his/her proposal is accepted, will, within six (6 calendar days after notification of the award of the contract to the bid der, execute the contract, secure payment of workers' compensation insurance and furnish a satisfactory Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid price and a Labor and Material Pay ment Bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid price. In the even failure to enter into said contract and/or to furnish the Performance Bond and Payment Bond, such security will be forfeited.

cution to the contract and shall be in the form set forth in the contract

Bonds shall be secured from a company which is an admitted surety listed in the Federal Register. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Labor and Materials bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price. Said bonds shall be secured from a co which is an admitted surety insurer in the State of California, and if the company is not listed in the current U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570. ii shall be required to furnish the documents described in Section 995 660 (a) of the California Code of Civil Procedure in order for the DISTRICT to determine the sufficiency of the insurer. Bonds shall be on forms provided by the DISTRICT in these Contract Documents. The successfu bidder shall also be required to meet the insurance requirements of the DISTRICT as set forth in the General Conditions. All of said bond and insurance requirements shall be completed and submitted to the DIS-TRICT within six (6) calendar days from the date the DISTRICT gives written notice of its intentions to award the contract. Failure to mee uirements within the allotted time shall be sufficient cause fo

At the option of the bidder, bid proposals may be acco equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid instead of a cashier's or certified check or a corporate surety bond. No interest wil be paid on any cash that is submitted. SCHEDULE

the date of commencement of work specified in the Notice to Pro-

nitting a bid and entering into this Contract, CONTRACTOR certifies that he is able to mobilize quickly enough and that he has ad-quate equipment and personnel to complete the work in this amount of time CONTRACTOR further signifies his understanding that the DIS-TRICT will suffer damages if this construction time is exceeded, and will compensate the DISTRICT for liquidated damages per the terms of the Agreement and the General Conditi

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 7, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend, although atten-dance is not mandatory. Meet in front of the Helix Water District Administrative office at 7811 University Avenue. La Mesa. Californi The said Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularity in a bid.

HELIX WATER DISTRICT

Dated: La Mesa. California June 23, 1997

> By /s/ Lynn E. Young LYNN E. YOUNG. BOARD SECRETARY

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consideration for an award.

Attention of bidders is particularly

CITY OF LEMON GROVE NOTICE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Engineer of the City of Lemon Grove, 3232 Main Street. Lemon Grove. California.

up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1997, for performing

SR-94 AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE INTERCHANGE RAMP WIDENING IN THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE CONTRACT NO. 96-13 PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The work to be done consists of. furnishing all materials, equip-ment, tools, supervision, labor. and incidentals required to com plete the above stated project. The work consists of ramp widening which includes, but is not limited to pavement removal and installation. A.C. berm, drainage structures. A.C. overlaying, concrete curb and gutter, landscaping with irrigation, monument sign and installation of traffic signals, strip-

The bids received will be publicly opened and read at the City Offices, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945, at the time stated above. Award shall be made by the City Council at a meeting sub-sequent to the date above set for

the opening of bids.
The bid package may be examined at the Lemon Grove City Hall.
3232 Main Street. Lemon Grove. California. Copies of the bid package and the specifications may be obtained at that location at a no refundable charge of \$30.00 per set. The mailing fee is an additional \$20.00. All bidders should direct their questions during the bidding period to Ed Wimmer of the Public Works/Engineering Department at (619) 464-6934. No bid will be accepted from a

Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9. Division III of Business and Professions Code. The bidder for this Con-tract must possess a valid Gen-eral Engineering contractors "A" License.

The Successful bidder must have a City of Lemon Grove Business License prior to commencement

The City Council of Lemon Grove hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement for bids, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race. color, sex, or national origin in

called to the requirements of wage rates to be paid under the Con-tract. It should be noted by all bidders that the current State

the San Diego area will be required to be paid by all bidders under the conditions of the Contract. Specifically, this wage scale is the most recent "General Pre-vailing Wage Determination Made By The Director Of Industrial Relations Pursuant To California Labor Code Division 2. Chapter 1. Part 7. Articles 2.3. and 5." It shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor to comply with applicable sections of the California Labor Code including but not limited to Sections 1776 and 1777.5.
The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any combination of bids. Bids must be accompanied by a 10% bid bond as specified in Section I. Bidders Instructions of the bid documents. No bidder may with-draw his bid without forfeiture of his bid bond within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of

Prevailing Wage Rate Scale for

the bid opening.
Prospective bidders are hereby directed to pay particular attention to the applicable section in the bid package for full directions and requirements as to submittal of bids, bonds and agreements

Date: June 9. 1997 /s/Charles D. Stuck CHARLES D. STUCK. CITY **ENGINEER** 

The City of Lemon Grove com-plies with the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodations for this bid opening, contact the City Public Works Department at (619) 464-6934 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening.

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MOTICE OF TRUSTE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 97-10949 Title Order No. 8002241 Reference No. 533342-2 APN No. 576-582-08-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/21/95. UNILESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 23, 1997, at 10:00 AM, Professional Lenders Alliance Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 12/01/95 as Document No. 1995-0545137 Book. — 7996 — of Official sets to the order of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, essociated by: PHILIP SALCEDO. AND REBECA SALCEDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS as TRUSTO, SCHE MORTGAGE BANKERS, NC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lewful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or restoral bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). A: AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT, 220 WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now hald by a under said Deed of Trust in the property altrasted in said County, California, According the land therein: Lot 479 of San Altos Terrace, Unit No. 3, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California, According the land therein: Lot 479 of San Altos Terrace, Unit No. 3, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, Stat

## Sports Beat with Greg Eichelberger

Thank goodness those stupid, ridiculous, pretentious and extremely annoying "X-Games" are over. How humiliating must it be for veteran sportswriters like Tom Cushman and Nick Canepa to toil over which pimply-faced teen or immature adult is the better skateboarder or in-line skater? Even KFMB's Ted Leitner, with whom I don't always agree, proclaimed those same sentiments on his afternoon talk show.

Speaking of KFMB, was it real or a dream when Glenn Erath (otherwise known as "The Hudson & Bauer Singers") was actually booed off of the field at Jack Murphy/QualComm Stadium while "honoring" Randy Jones last month? Either way, it was hilarious.

It was just like the lame Women's Basketball Association, which has been hyped to death recently. If I wanted to see basketball players who shoot poorly, draw few fans and cannot dunk, I'll just watch the NBA

On more important (and local) fronts, Christian High graduate Matt Berry, a top area scholar/athlete, has signed a letter of intent to attend Master's University, a small college north of Los Angeles. He'll no doubt work on getting his Masters from Master's. El Capitan's Stephanie Kindreich has been named the local Athlete of the Year for her sterling efforts on behalf of her Vaquero basketball team over the past four years. Good job, girlfriend.

The Cuyamaca YMCA Comets (120 girls from ages 7 - 19) will attempt to defend its national gymnastics team title at the Town & Country Convention Center in Mission Valley on July 12 and 13. April Radovich, a student at Granite Hills High School and 1996 individual all-around champion, will be one of the 950 gymnasts expected to compete. For more information, call 449-9622

I've got a big rant this week, folks. The more times my colleague Joe Naiman covers the Cajon or Barona speedways, the more times they ignore our publication to advertise in the "Barely Californian." I, for one, am getting sick and tired of pathetic organizations such as these two milking our paper for stories, but then spending their money on a rag that couldn't care a fat rat's behind about them, or East County, for that matter. And as long as this goes on, expect me to tell you about it.

Congratulations to Dallas Martin, a pitcher with the Santee National League Padres, who recorded 17 strikeouts en route to a 3-0 win over the Santee Pioneer Marlins last week. I don't normally report on individual L.L. games, but I figured this was a noteworthy enough achievement.

When our sports editor, Marv, listed the events of the 17th annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games last week, he included the only ones held here in the East County - the billiards competition. Now I didn't think playing pool was a a sport, but there is such a category in these games. The 9-ball tournament will be held at On Cue Billiards in La Mesa from 8 a.m. until noon, and then from 1 until 5 p.m. For details on these events,

On the Padres front, Poway's Tony Gwynn has been tearing the cover off the ball in recent days. Now batting over .400, I just saw him belt a rare inside-the-park grand slam to beat the hated L.A. Dodgers. And, by the time you read this, the team will be facing Jay Buhner, Ken Griffey, Jr. and (possibly) Randy Johnson of the Seattle Mariners in another interleague contest. Those two games will then lead into three more with the Dodgers over the 4th of July weekend. After that, the team doesn't return home until the 14th of the month.

And speaking of professional baseball, who didn't love it when the fat, lying, ignorant Hideki Irabu got pounded in his minor league loss against the Class AA Birmingham Mets. I'm not one to gloat, but ...

For those who'd like to contribute to the only forum in San Diego sports that tells it like it is and how it oughta be, just give me a call at 390-7103. It's as simple as that. Until then, have a

## Singing Hills site of Annual Mother Goose golf classic

The annual Mother Goose golf classic will tee off on July 10 at the Singing Hills Golf Course as part of the celebration of the parade's 51st year.

The classic features a fourperson scramble with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. preceded by a lunch and putting contest.

The \$110 entry fee includes green fees, a shared cart, complementary beverages courtesy of Sycuan Casino, dinner,

prizes and a quality golf shirt. The first hole-in-one on a par 3 will win a 1997 Buick Century (some restrictions), courtesy of McClellan Buick.

Prizes will also be presented to the lady and gentleman with the longest drive, the straightest drive and the clos-

In addition, 100 silver dollars will be awarded by Cuya-

Chet Whalen of Buckingham Galleries will emcee the banquet, raffle and auction.

Gift and auction items include a two-night package for four, golf and lodging at Warner Springs Country Club.

For entry forms, call Tom Kozak at 444-8712.

For advertising rates call Dan at 461-4306

## Phelps dedicates Cajon Speedway win to deceased crew member Dennis Bell

by Joe Naiman

When Todd Phelps won the Cajon Speedway's Bomber Stocks main event June 21, he had more than the season points standings in mind.

Phelps had dedicated the race to Dennis Bell, Jr., a former pit crew member and employee who had passed away three days earlier. At one time Bell had raced a Bomber at Cajon Speedway, but when he could no longer afford the expenses of driving, he joined Phelps' pit crew.

He was on Phelps' pit crew in 1994 and 1995 and for the first part of 1996. In May 1996, Bell, who grew up in El Cajon and attended El Cajon Valley High School, moved to Texas. His mother still lives in El Cajon.

He had been suffering from pneumonia before his death and had been admitted to the hospital.

Phelps said that Bell had told a nurse that he had a severe groin pain, and while the nurse was fetching help, Bell went into full cardiac arrest and died An autopsy revealed that a blood clot was the cause of Bell's death. He was 27 years old.

"He had a heart bigger than a race car, and was a really good person," noted Phelps. Phelps is the owner and general manager of In-Line Collision in El Cajon. Bell had also worked for Phelps as a handyman.

Prior to the competitive races, two memorial laps were run at the Cajon Speedway: one for Adam Neuhaus, who died of muscular dystrophy June 20, and one for Bell. Phelps carried the flag for Dennis Bell. "That was such an honor for the family to ask me to do the lap for him," stated Phelps.

The day before Bell's death,



Todd Phelps' car carries a sign dedicating the Cajon Speedway race to Dennis Bell.

Phelps found out that his wife was pregnant. "All of a sudden you get dropped down with Dennis," said Phelps.

Phelps noted that June 18 has been a rough day for him. It was also the date that his grandparents were in a serious accident, and his first marriage was on June 18. Phelps has a 14-year-old from his first marriage and a 16-month-old from his current marriage.

Other days in June are happier for Phelps. He opened his business on June 22, 1987, and turned 35 on June 26. On the first racing night after Bell's death Phelps qualified sixth, missing the trophy dash.

He won his heat race. Phelps was in second place until the 14th lap of the 20-lap race, when Marv Evans took a wide turn and Phelps was able to pass Evans.

The win was Phelps' second of the season. "I dreamt about this all week long, ever since I heard about Dennis," he said.





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